01-114 Office of Women's Services

The mission of the Office of Women's Services (OWS) is to empower our constituents to become productive and successful members of society by enhancing personal growth, building self-esteem and promoting economic self-sufficiency through the provision of a wide range of programs, support services, educational opportunities and advocacy.

The goals of the Office of Women's Services are:

- 1. Empower women and their families in the pursuit of personal growth and safety, education, job skills, careers and economic self-sufficiency.
- 2. Provide excellent service producing quality results by: achieving secure, abundant and diversified funding; increasing public awareness; influencing state policy affecting women; recruiting, hiring and retaining qualified professionals; expanding services statewide; utilizing state of the art technology and equipment; and ensuring staff training opportunities.

The Governor's Office of Women's Services is the official state agency legislatively charged to advocate for women by assisting the coordination of public (local, state, federal), private, corporate, foundation, non-profit, volunteer, educational and other organizations providing funding, services, and programs to address the needs of women. The office assists in evaluating and monitoring the effectiveness of such programs, and assists in drafting plans to maximize that use of such funds and program/service outcomes. Additionally, the office develops and administers several statewide programs designed to meet the health, education, social, and employment needs of women. These programs address the issued of teen pregnancy, family violence, displaced homemakers, and job training.

The Office of Women's Services has five programs: Administrative, Training, Displaced Homemakers, Family Violence, and Teen Pregnancy Services.

BUDGET SUMMARY

						RECOMMENDED
	ACTUAL	ACT 10	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	OVER/(UNDER)
	1998-1999	1999- 2000	1999- 2000	2000 - 2001	2000 - 2001	EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$2,976,296	\$3,528,277	\$3,528,277	\$3,552,186	\$2,484,917	(\$1,043,360)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	1,730,243	1,586,911	2,309,156	2,297,792	2,259,894	(49,262)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	468,612	640,321	640,321	640,321	652,622	12,301
Statutory Dedications	92,459	92,753	92,753	92,753	92,753	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	957,344	929,818	967,973	952,166	952,166	(15,807)
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$6,224,954	\$6,778,080	\$7,538,480	\$7,535,218	\$6,442,352	(\$1,096,128)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administrative	\$388,619	\$580,335	\$580,335	\$604,244	\$522,934	(\$57,401)
Training Program	885,004	855,330	1,456,753	1,441,568	2,085,066	628,313
Displaced Homemakers	1,296,933	1,332,153	1,452,975	1,456,796	401,742	(1,051,233)
Family Violence	3,268,255	3,410,262	3,448,417	3,432,610	3,432,610	(15,807)
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Services	386,143	600,000	600,000	600,000	0	(600,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$6,224,954	\$6,778,080	\$7,538,480	\$7,535,218	\$6,442,352	(\$1,096,128)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	45	43	43	43	34	(9)
Unclassified	10	8	8	8	9	1
TOTAL	55	51	51	51	43	(8)

The Total Recommended amount above includes \$401,742 of supplementary recommendations of which \$170,000 is State General Fund for the Displaced Homemakers Program and seven positions. It represents full funding for this program which provides services to assist these individuals to gain the skills, experience, support and self-esteem needed to become economically self-sufficient. This item is contingent upon Revenue Sources in excess of the Official Revenue Estimating Conference Forecast subject to Legislative approval and recognition by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

This agency's recommended appropriation does not include any funds for short-term debt.

This agency does not have any long-term debt for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund (Direct)

\$82,058

Total

\$82,058